

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiners Hasan and Sugarman for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the personal interview. During the interview, the proposed language for the claims was discussed.

Under the Allowable Subject Matter section, the Office Action indicates that claims 4 and 5 are allowable. However, in this Application, there is no claim 5, and the Office Action does not reject claim 3. Therefore, as agreed during the interview, Applicant understands that the Office Action intended to indicate the allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 4. Applicant respectfully appreciates such indication.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,451,420 B1 to Jin et al. (Jin). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, manufacturing a lens, and adding one of the layers having a thickness determined by a difference between a thickness of the manufactured lens and a target thickness of the lens to a surface of the lens, so that an optical thickness is increased. This feature is described in the specification at, for example, page 9, lines 18-25. In other words, as discussed during the interview, the thickness of the layer added on the surface of a lens is determined by the difference between the thickness of the lens and the target thickness of the lens. For example, the thickness of the layer added may be determined such that the resultant optical thickness of the lens (thickness of the lens and thickness of the added layer) becomes the target thickness.

By citing col. 9, line 64-col. 10, line 4 and col. 6, lines 53-57 of Jin, the Office Action alleges that a protective film of Jin corresponds to the claimed layer. However, as described in the cited section of Jin, Applicant respectfully submits that the protective film of Jin does

not increase the optical thickness of the lens for adjusting the optical thickness of the lens, but is merely to protect the surface of the lens. Furthermore, the thickness of the protective film is merely controlled to keep the protective film at a desired thickness. Thus, Jin does not determine the thickness of the film based on the difference between the thickness of the manufactured lens and a target thickness of the lens. That is, Jin does not consider the resultant thickness of the lens and the protective film. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the applied art.

Claim 2 is allowable at least for its dependence on allowable claim 1, as well as for the features it recites.

As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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